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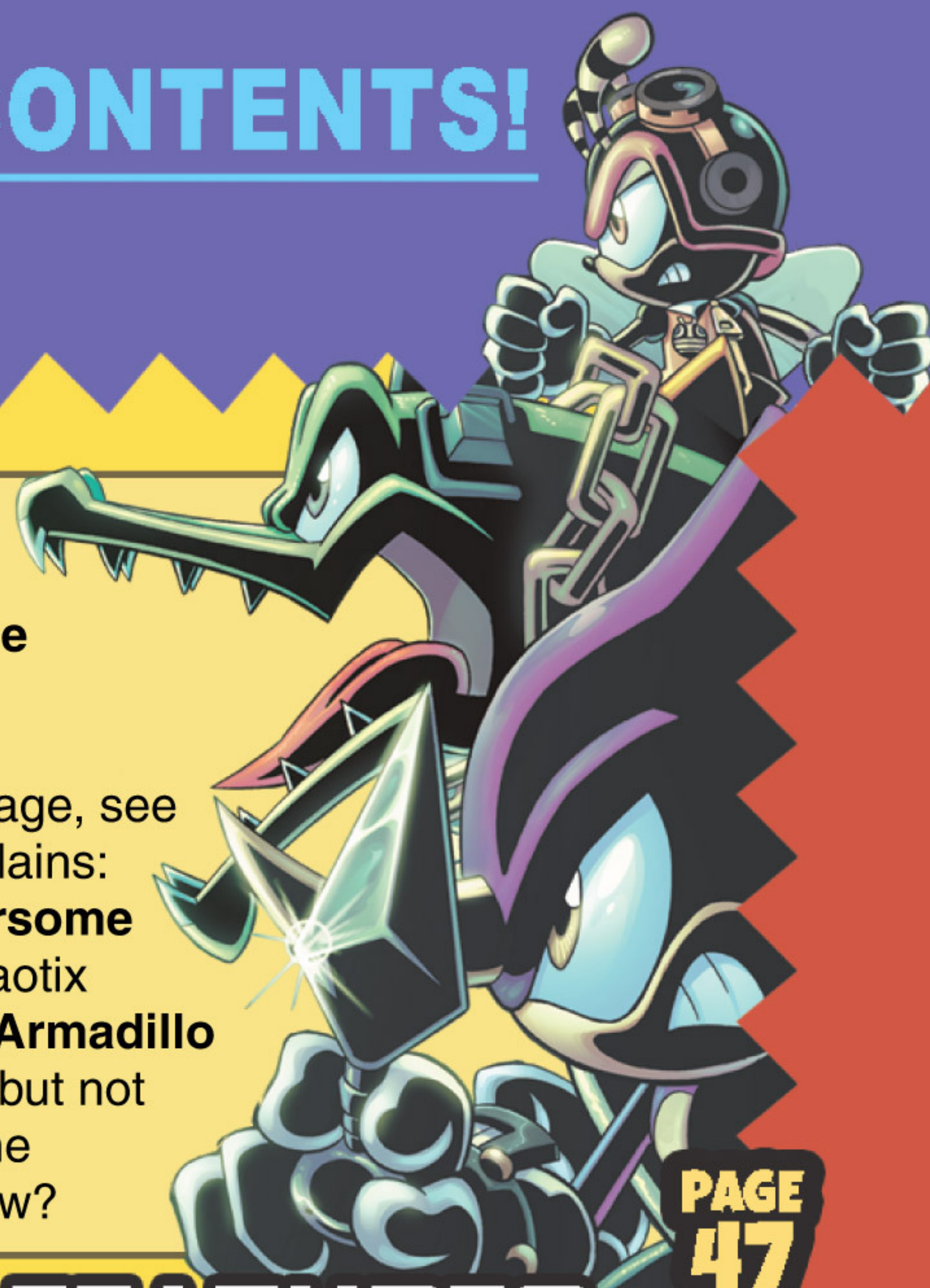
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SONIC SUPER DIGEST:
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TEAM
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This issue's **Super Spotlight** is dedicated to **Team Chaotix** -- **Vector the Crocodile**, **Espio the Chameleon**, and **Charmy Bee**!

After checking out their profile page, see the gang battle their very first villains: **Mammoth Mogul** and his **Fearsome Foursome**! Then, classic Chaotix reserve member **Mighty the Armadillo** must face his friend **Sonic** ... but not under his own free will! Will the Foursome menace begin anew?



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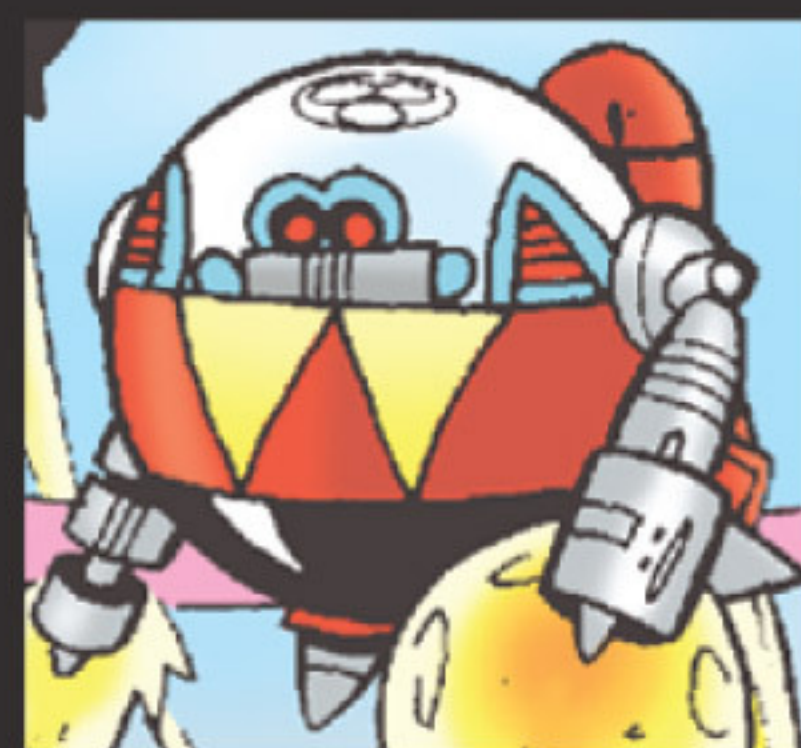


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What happens when you add 7 chaos emeralds, 50 magic rings, 1 crazy hedgehog, 1 hot-headed echidna, and add in an unstable zone? You get **Super Sonic VS Hyper Knuckles** in the biggest brawl of the Sega century!

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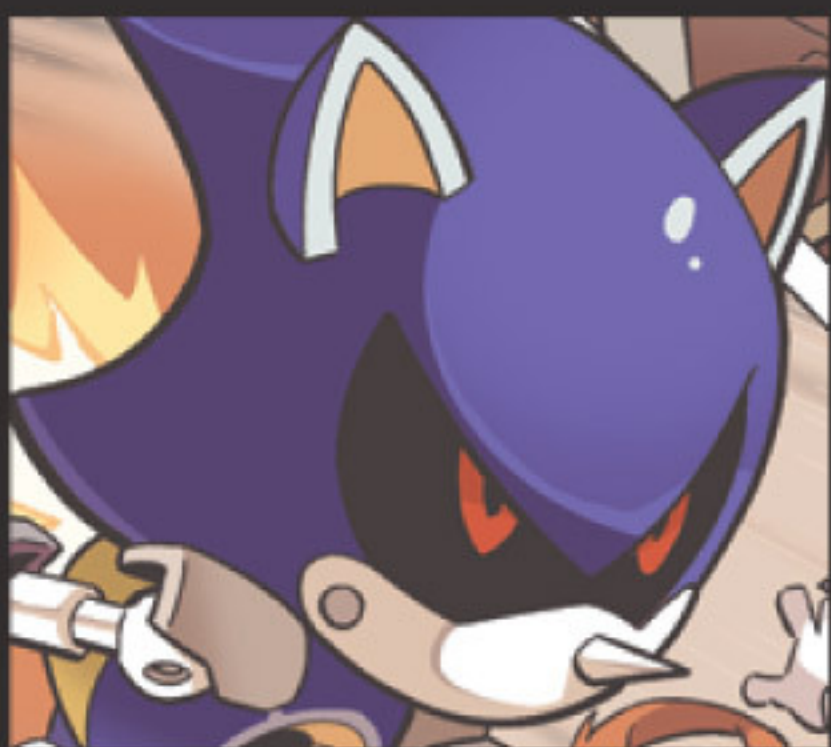


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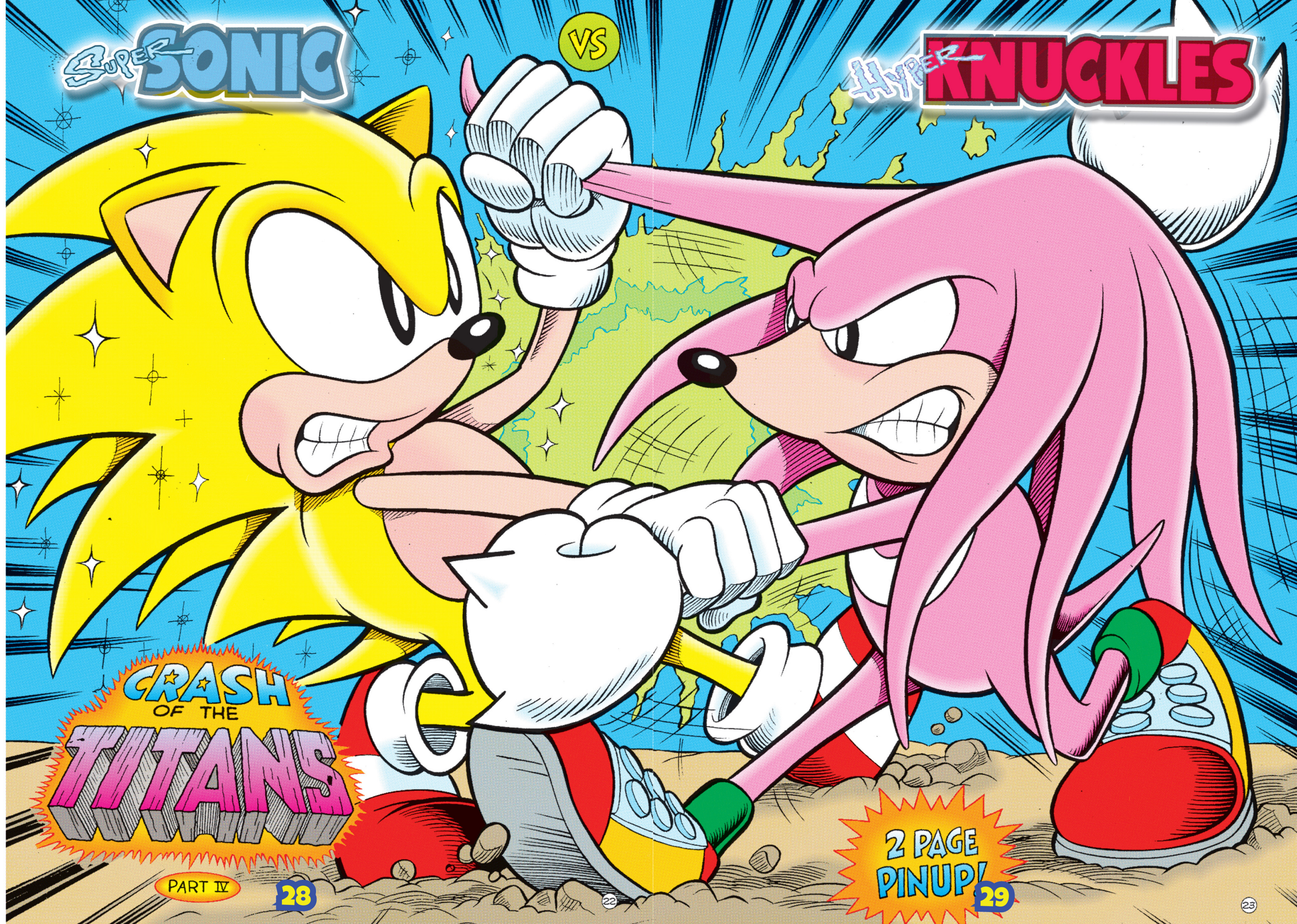


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MEET KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

The Rad Red Guardian!

Knuckles is a gruff and brash hero. He is the **Guardian** of **Angel Island**, interim leader of the **Chaotix**, protector of the **Master Emerald**, and the last remaining Echidna.

Despite being tricked by **Doctor Robotnik** into fighting **Sonic the Hedgehog** and **Tails the Fox**, Knuckles would ultimately choose to help his friends as an ally in the **First Robotnik War**. As his skills grew and he became more exposed to the world at large, Knuckles would slowly come out of the shell that he'd been wrapped in for so many years.

Knuckles' greatest archenemy is **Dr. Finitevus**, an albino echidna who used Knuckles' gullibility in an insidious plot to wipe out all life on the planet. In the ensuing chaos, Sonic helped to defeat the villain and save Knuckles but not without consequence to the echidna's very nature. His current whereabouts are unknown.

Knuckles' archrival is **Thrash the Tasmanian Devil**. Using warp rings super-charged by the Master Emerald, Thrash wiped out all remaining echidnas on the planet, leaving Knuckles as the sole heir to the flawed legacy of his people.

After everything that's happened to him, Knuckles is somewhat withdrawn from everyone except Sonic, Tails, Amy, and the Chaotix, his only friends. He still remains devoted to his duties as Guardian.



PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic the Hedgehog #13

Abilities:

Super Strength – Knuckles is far more powerful than average. Unlike Sonic, he doesn't chuckle!

Gliding/Flight – By fanning out his dreadlocks, Knuckles can glide incredibly long distances.

Super Strength – Knuckles' hand spikes grant extra power to his punches allowing him to climb or dig through many hard surfaces.

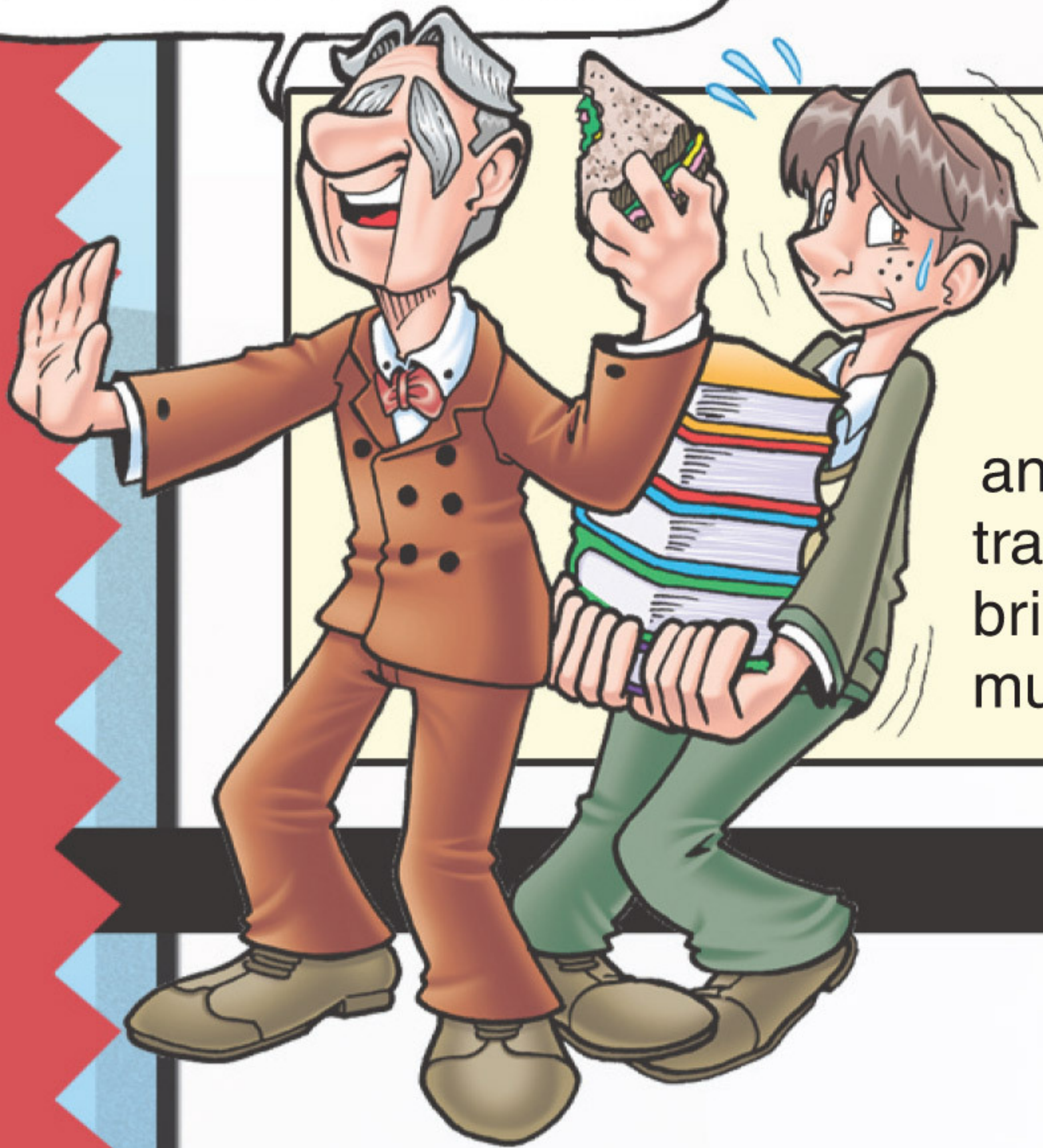
Chaos Control – Knuckles uses chaos control to heal wounds or give himself a physical boost. He uses this power by channeling pure energy from the Master Emerald.

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SANDWICHES EVERYWHERE...

PROFESSOR PICKLE'S NATURE NOTEBOOK



Welcome to Sonic's universe -- a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games; where **Professor Dillon Pickle** is the world's authority on practically everything! Hailing from the Universities of Shamar and Spagonia, he and his dour assistant **Cucumber** travel the world in search of "the perfect sandwich" -- bringing wisdom, tales of adventure and plenty of mustard to anyone willing (or silly enough) to listen!

Today's Lecture: **THE ECHIDNA!**

Nature's Moody Monotreme!

Cucumber: What is that chart you're updating, sir?

Pickle: It's a list of endangered species and I am adding onto it: the echidna!

Cucumber: Sir, echidnas are only endangered in **our** world. In other worlds, like those of our student readers, they're doing just fine!

Pickle: Well that's a relief! I was afraid I'd have to break the news to our friend on the right! He has a terrible temper you know ... looks a bit surly and weather-beaten too.

Knuckles: *I am NOT weather-beaten...*

Cucumber: And here we go ... Hello, Sonic fans! Today we're going to discuss the echidna: rival animal to the hedgehog!

Pickle: Gullible chap, too. *Heh* ... I told him I was the guardian of the "Master Sandwich" and when I get seven chaos condiments I turn into "Uber Pickle" and glow the color of mustard!

Cucumber: You're a weird guy, Professor Pickle.

Pickle: I've got to be me! So, Cucumber -- let's see if you're up on your studies! What can you tell us about echidnas?





WORLD HUB

Sonic's Universe and Beyond!

Cucumber: Well, they're monotremes -- that means they're part of a group of mammals capable of laying eggs. Only a select few mammals can even do that!

Pickle: You know, I once had an absolutely *awful* dream about Draculas fighting holographic mole men. Then an eight-legged habadasher hatched out of a giant spider egg.

Cucumber: That ... what was ... **WHAT?!?**

Pickle: Habadashers, Cucumber ... *They're everywhere ...*

Cucumber: ***blink*** Anyway, speaking of monsters, "Echidna" was also the name of the mother of all monsters" in Greek mythology. Those tales described her as being horrible and not past eating people whole!

Knuckles: ...

Pickle: Try it and I'll hit you with a hammer.

Knuckles: **YOU NUT! I GUARD THE MASTER EMERALD! I'VE NEVER EATEN ANYBODY WHOLE IN MY ENTIRE *buuurrrrp*!**

Pickle: ... **WRAP IT UP, CUCUMBER! WE'VE GOT A LIVE ONE!**

Cucumber: **sigh** Echidnas are small solitary creatures who are covered in coarse hair and spines, much like hedgehogs --

Sonic: Copycat!

Knuckles: **GO AWAY!!!**

Cucumber: Echidnas are powerful diggers. They have tiny mouths, toothless jaws, and feed by tearing open soft logs and anthills! They use their long, sticky tongues to collect food -- usually ants, termites, worms, insect larvae... **Professor, why are Sonic and Knuckles beating each other silly?**

Pickle: ... **Who cares?! Let's get out of here before the red one eats everybody!**

Cucumber: UGH! Forget it! See you next time, kids!





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MEET TEAM CHAOTIX

Team Detective Buddies!

Team Chaotix are a group of friends who help protect **Angel Island** and the **Master Emerald** from evil. The team first came together unofficially to rescue **Sonic the Hedgehog** and the **Freedom Fighters** from a **Dr. Robotnik** trap disguised as a seedy amusement park. After defeating **Metal Sonic** and **Titan Metal Sonic**, none of them wanted to commit to a team -- especially **Knuckles** -- but time and necessity eventually united them under the common banner of "The Chaotix"!

While originally thrown together by circumstance, the Chaotix have developed into a tight knit team of very close friends. Their focus varies -- from sentries to an investigative strike team in search of a mystery (and a quick buck!) -- and they have a variety of skills to back them up. While they'll gladly lend their power to fighting the **Eggman Empire**, their primary duties are to Knuckles, the Master Emerald, and their home -- Angel Island.

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Knuckles CHAOTIX Special

Abilities:

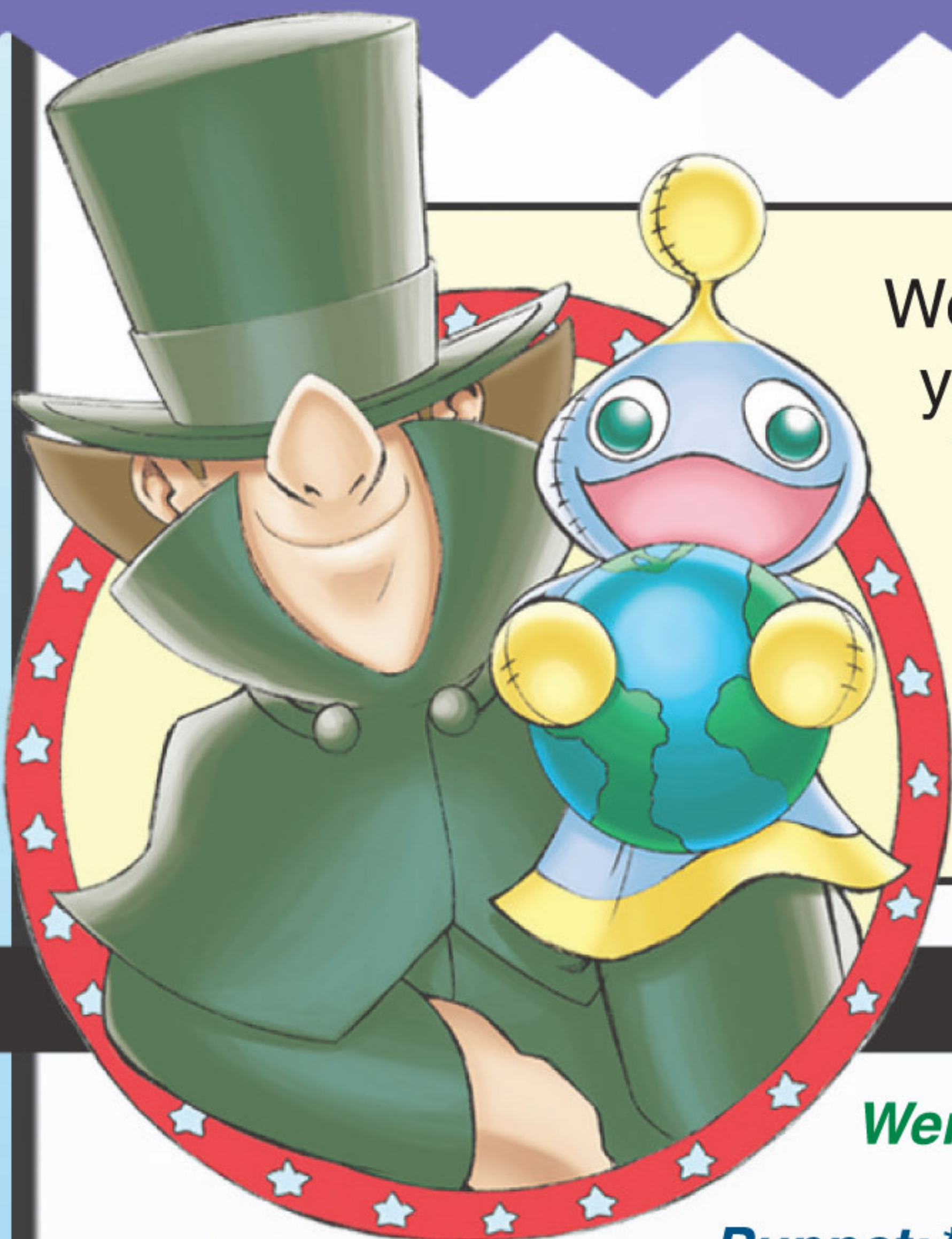
- * **Vector the Crocodile** possesses **super strength** equivalent to Knuckles, a powerful bite, and headphones that can emit high powered sonic waves. He's a great swimmer too!
- * **Espio the Chameleon** can naturally **camouflage** himself, visible only to Knuckles' Guardian training. He can run, climb and cling to nearly any surface and wields numerous kunai in battle.
- * **Charmy Bee** may be addled due to Eggman's meddling, but he holds his own quite well -- sustaining **flight** almost indefinitely and attacking with repeated jabs via the use of his stinger.
- * **Mighty the Armadillo** is quite possibly the **strongest** being in the universe! His hard shell doubles as near impervious armor.
- * **Ray the Flying Squirrel** is a nimble flyer and **glider**, strangely with or without his retractable squirrel patagium (the skin flaps under his arms) present.



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Global Gateway



Welcome to Sonic's universe -- a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where **Wentos the Traveling Salesman** and his bizzare **Chao Puppet** wander the globe in search of new places to peddle their hard-to-find wares! Today, we join our hero as he looks toward the skies and sees **Angel Island**! What strange mysteries does it hold for us today?...

Today's Episode: ANGEL ISLAND

Wentos: Puppet! Look! Up in the sky!

Puppet: **flail** *Is-a bird! Is-a plane!! Is-a frog?!*

Wentos: Not bird, nor plane or even frog. It's **Angel Island**, you polliwog.

Puppet: Hey, you! I'm-a no silly, willy polliwoggle froggie! I'm-a the handsome chao puppet! The most handsomest chao puppet there-a is. ¿Si?

Wentos: No. No mas. That ... that is distressing. Now I am distressed. No, sir. I do not like it.

Puppet: *Hmf.* You don't-a like ANYTHING, you wise-a guy.

Wentos: I like you! You're pretty fun when you're not being weird.

Puppet: Wentos, you-a talk-a to the puppets. You can't-a call *anybody* weird!

Wentos: Touché. So, Puppet -- today our **Sonic Super Digest** readers want to learn about --



SHRINE ISLE
Home to the Master Emerald

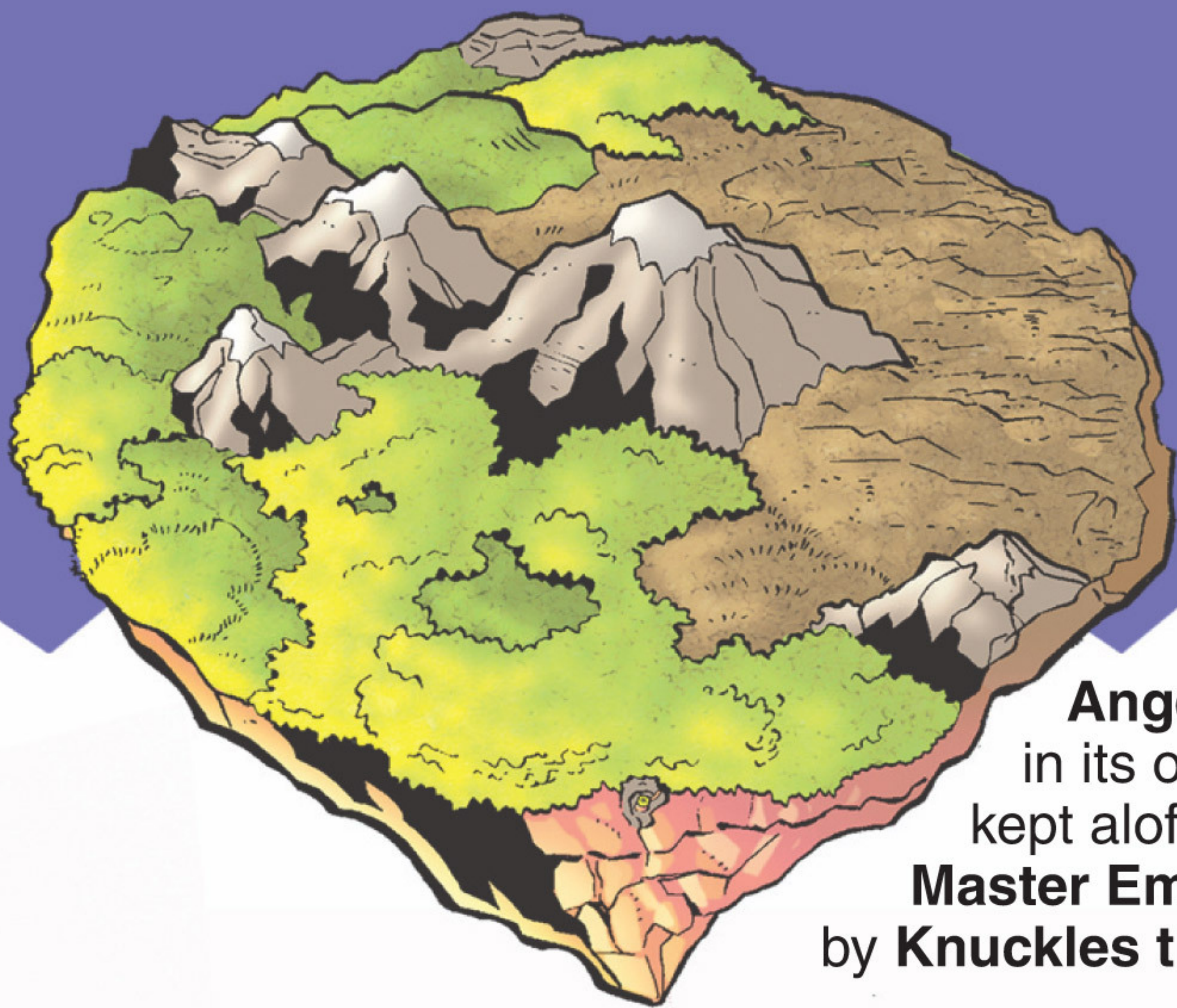
Puppet: **Angel Island!** Formerly known as the **Floating Island** and-a currently home to **Knuckles the Echidna** and-a his pals **Team Chaotix**!

Wentos: And ... no frogs? Not even a moo cow?

Puppet: Not a frog or a moo cow -- or *any* other echidnas but Knuckles -- in-a sight.

Wentos: How "udderly ribbiting." I "echidna" you not! Oooohohoho!

Puppet: *Just-a read-a the profile, you-a silly-a goose!*

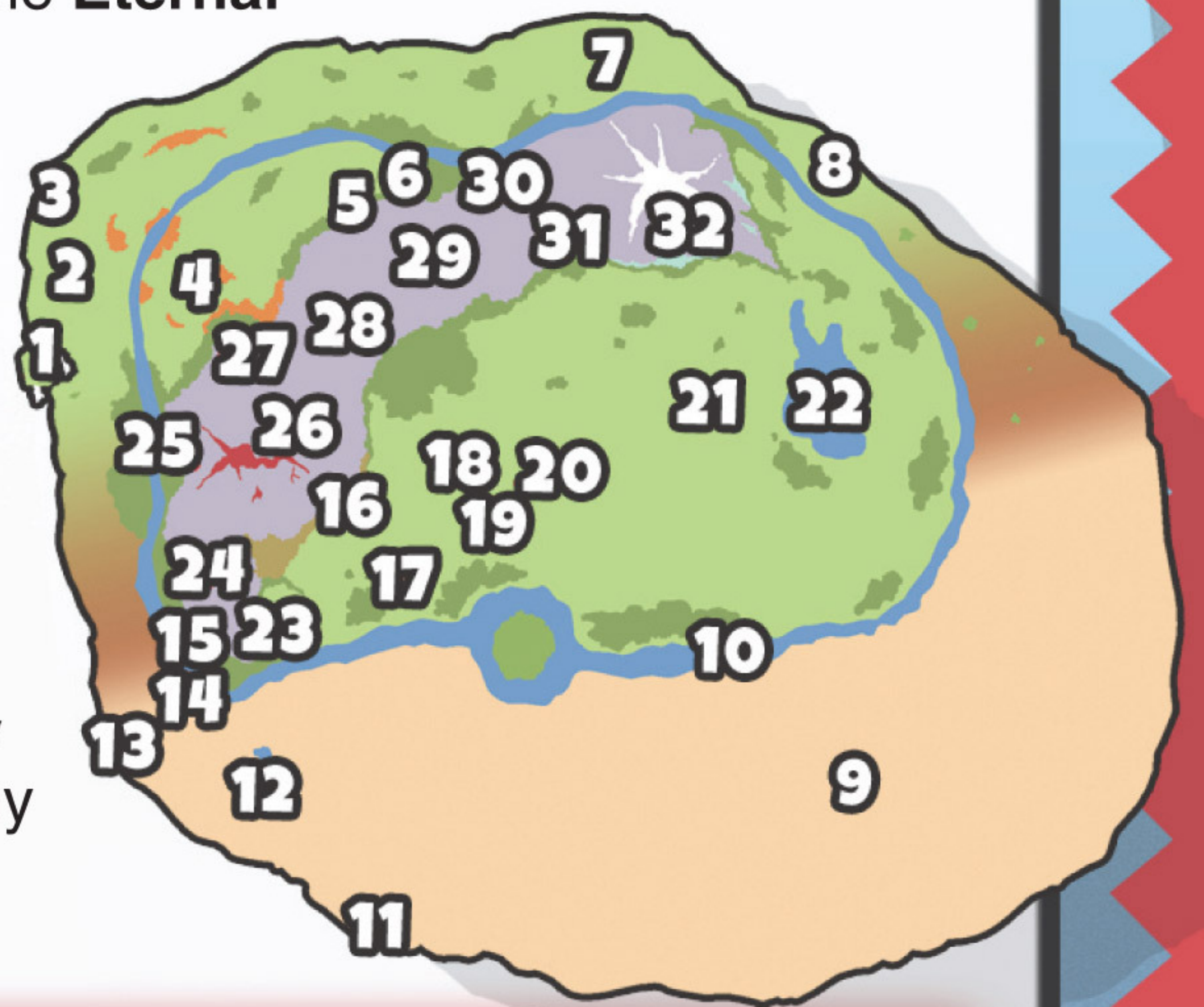


SONIC'S UNIVERSE: ANGEL ISLAND

Angel Island has flown high above the planet in its own slow orbit for countless years. It is kept aloft only by the energies of the mysterious **Master Emerald** -- a giant chaos emerald guarded by **Knuckles the Echidna**.

Many years ago, the ancient Echidnas mysteriously vanished. Any remaining pockets were either destroyed by **Doctor Eggman** or banished by **Thrash the Tasmanian Devil**. Now, only Knuckles remains as the last living Echidna in the world, guardian of a doomed legacy. Together, he and his friends **Team Chaotix** (with occasional help from Sonic the Hedgehog) stand as the island's only line of defense against the **Eggman Empire**.

Angel Island, despite the chaos, remains pristine and beautiful. The **Dragon Spine Mountains** rise through its middle, and the **Eternal River** winds its way in a ring around the isle. The **Marble Gardens** glisten in the jungles, while redwoods and giant fungi dominate the **Mushroom Hills**. The **Sandopolis Desert** consumes almost half of the island and hides many secrets with small pockets of scattered life around the **Azure Lake Oasis**. Knuckles and the Chaotix keep watch over the **Master Emerald**, which now keeps the entire island aloft from its perch on tiny **Shrine Isle**. Meanwhile, the **Hidden Palace** and **Hydro City** rest deep in the heart of the island, holding many strange and unsolved mysteries.



LEGEND:

First Appearance: Sonic the Hedgehog #13

- **01) Shrine Island:** Master Emerald's Roost
- **02) Launch Base:** Old Dr. Robotnik Base
- **03) Strawberry Stretch:** Charmy's Place
- **04) Mushroom Hill:** Fungi-Infested Forest
- **05) Hydro City:** Abandoned Underwater City
- **06) Isolated Island:** Vector's Digs
- **07) Carnival Night:** Empty Theme Park
- **08) Royal Compound:** Acorn Summer Home
- **09) Sandopolis Desert:** Desert Expanse
- **10) Eternal River:** Winding Water Source

- **11) Tasmanian Ruins:** Creepy Colony
- **12) Azure Lake Oasis:** Fresh Water Hole
- **13) Sky Canyon:** Ruined Refuge Entrance
- **14) Ruined Refuge:** Destroyed Base
- **15) Desert Palace:** Old Conservatory
- **16) Molten Mounds:** Dead Colonies
- **17) Botanic Base:** Espio's Home
- **18) Knuckles' Lookout:** Guardians' Home
- **19) City Ruins:** Destroyed Echidna City
- **20) Endless Mine:** Abandoned Strip Mine
- **21) Chrome Gadget:** Old Eggman Base

- **22) Lake Ness:** Fishin' Hole
- **23) Pumpkin Hills:** Crumbled Mtns.
- **24) Marble Garden:** Overgrown Ruins
- **25) Rock Hill:** Mighty and Ray's Home
- **26) Lava Reef:** Death Egg Landing Site
- **27) Red Mountain:** Fiery Mountaintops
- **28) Mount Osohai:** The Highest Peak
- **29) Hidden Palace:** The Lost City
- **30) Mt. Thunder:** Stormy Mountaintops
- **31) Sky Sanctuary:** Sacred Ruins
- **32) Ice Cap:** Frozen Mountaintops



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Yadley!
+ DUSKIN
+ HERP.

MEET THRASH THE DEVIL

The Last Tasmanian!



PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic Universe #11

Abilities:

Super Strength – He's quite the bruiser, able to keep up with Knuckles! He even chuckles on rare occasions!

Sonic Scream – His devil's shriek doubles as a concussive force blast with the capability of blowing anyone to their knees or knocking them off their feet!

Many years ago, the ancient echidnas founded a colony on **Downunda** to research new methods of defeating **Mammoth Mogul's** villainous **Order of Ixis**, but instead the researchers used **Tasmanians** as test subjects in horrifying genetic experiments. The damage done was so extensive that, instead of producing children, the Tasmanians produced savage **Devil Dogs** -- ravenous **mobinis** who made excellent guards or beasts of burden.

Generations of Tasmanians produced more and more devil dogs until their society was forgotten and the brutes were thought to be the norm. Each generation told stories of how the Echidnas were to blame.

Thrash is one of the last fully Mobian Tasmanian Devils alive. He travels the planet with his two "sisters" -- devil dogs from his litter. His goal: track down all surviving remnants of the lost Echidnas and give them a taste of the devastation they wrought upon his people. With the help of archrival **Knuckles the Echidna**, who unwittingly allowed him to keep a **warp ring**, he succeeded.

After super-charging the ring on the **Master Emerald**, Thrash tracked the last Echidnas -- now warring amongst themselves -- to their homeland. Taking advantage of a key moment where each side was knocked out by their own weaponry, he began shoving them into a randomly ring-generated pocket dimension. Anyone left conscious was convinced to step in before he forced the issue. Soon, all Echidnas on the planet, excluding Knuckles, were wiped out.

Thrash is incredibly strong, rivaling Knuckles in raw power. He's fast, agile, and has grown up to be an expert survivalist. When his skills fail him, he can fall back on a sonic-scream powerful enough to knock someone off their feet. Thrash is a rough-but-fair man with a strong sense of justice -- and a stronger sense of revenge.

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A quest for Krudzu goes awry when Sonic's best buddy hunts for "THE MAP!"

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Return to the Little Planet in the second episode of: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 4!



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ABOUT THE GAME!



BOX ART

Released: 2012

Developer: Sonic Team/
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Genre: Action, Platformer

Platforms: Xbox 360 (Live
Arcade), Playstation 3
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Welcome to **Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode 2!**

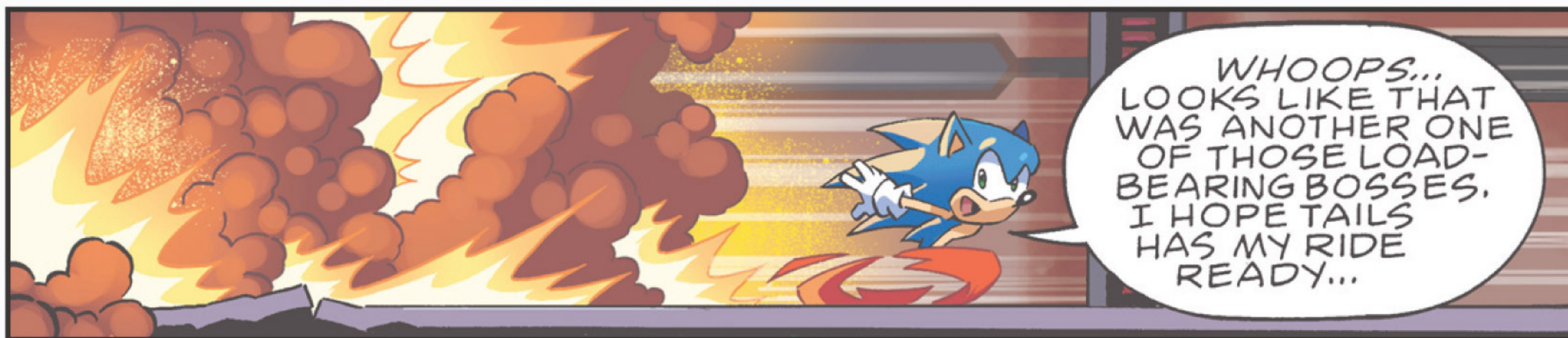
In the previous chapter, **Sonic** chased **Doctor Eggman** from **Splash Hill** to his orbital **Egg Station** where our heroic hedgehog stopped the doctor and saved the day! Or so he thought ...

In truth, Episode 1 was all a distraction! The doctor has set his sights on the creation of a second **Death Egg** -- with the yearly returning **Little Planet** as its base and central core! And this time, he's got a super-powered and rebuilt **Metal Sonic** to back him up!

A new take on classic gameplay, Episode 2's levels consist of: **Sylvania Castle** (a medieval underwater ruin), **White Park** (a snow covered amusement park), **Oil Desert** (a dilapidated oil refinery), and finally -- the **Death Egg Mk.II** (Eggman's baffling mechanical space-base)!

Give it a try and see how far you can make it!

FUN FACTS!



DID YOU KNOW that the above panel is actually a reference to previous Sonic final bosses? *Load-bearing bosses* refer to a video game trope (devices a writer can rely on as being present in the audience members' minds and expectations) where the destruction of a boss or monster causes the entire area to self-destruct!

DID YOU KNOW that the game's original codename was "Project Needlemouse"? "Mr. Needlemouse" is what the original developers called Sonic before they settled on his name.

SONIC 4: Episode 2

White Parks and Recreation!



DID YOU KNOW that the cover of **Sonic Super Special Magazine #5** (the poster spectacular -- on sale now!) is based off White Park?

DID YOU KNOW that some early prototypes of **Sonic 3D Blast** had an unused, dummied-out "parade" tune that would later become the opening boss music for **Sonic 4: Episode 1**? Meanwhile, **Episode 2's** boss music is a very subtle remix of the second round boss music from Episode 1!

DID YOU KNOW that Episode 2 directly ties with the Sega CD classic, **Sonic CD** which featured the first appearance of the evil **Metal Sonic**?

ABOUT THE COMIC!

Our **Sonic 4: Episode 2** adaptation first appeared in **Sonic Super Special Magazine #3**! Interestingly enough, an adaptation of **Episode 1** was never created.

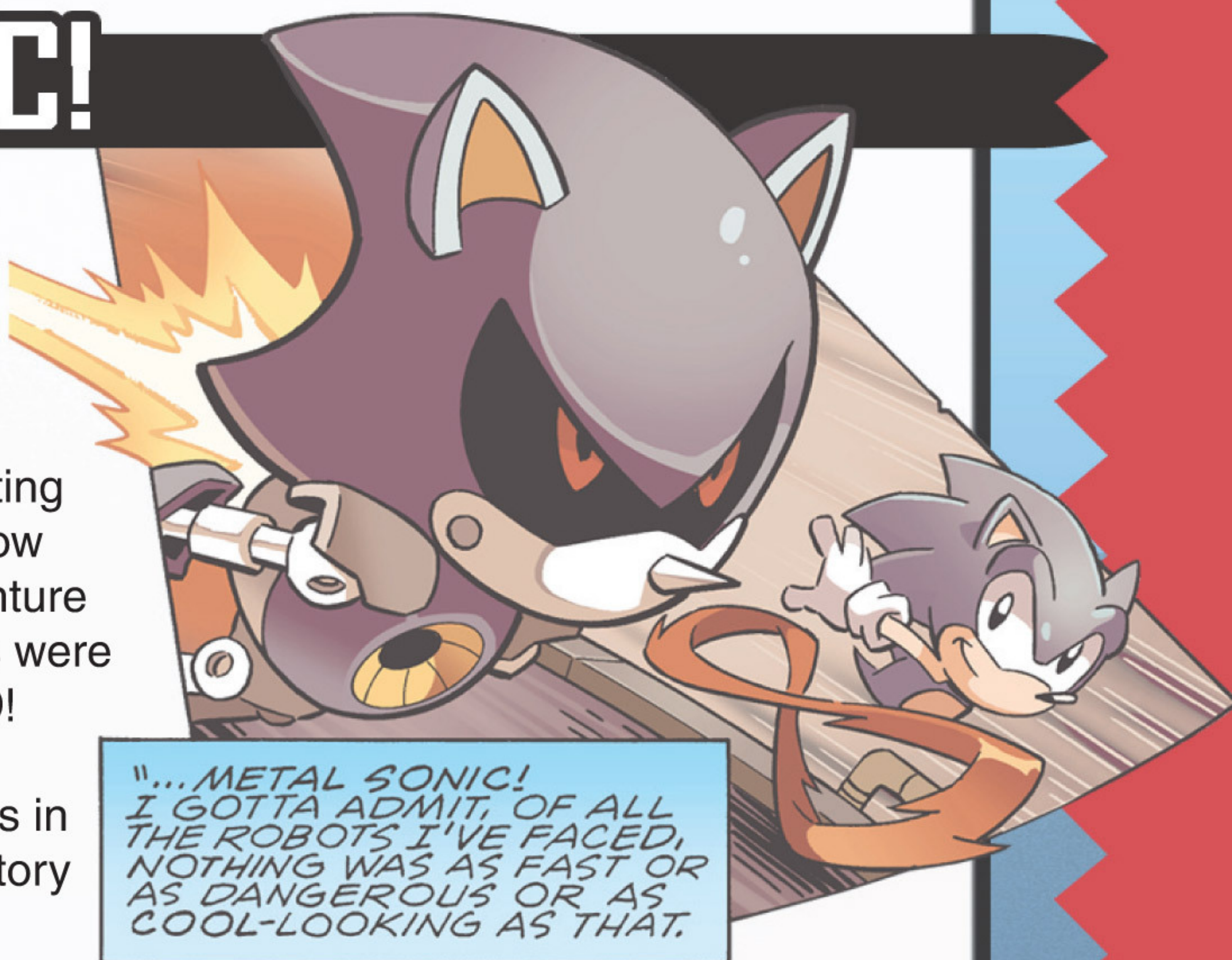
The comic acts as a prequel to the game, starting at Episode 1's ending! It explains why **Tails** (now playable in Episode 2) tags along for the adventure and re-introduces Metal Sonic, whose remains were still in the **Stardust Speedway** from **Sonic CD**!

While Sonic CD was adapted by Archie Comics in the early days of the book, the events of that story took place in comic continuity, unlike this adaptation which falls under "**Another Time, Another Place.**" ATAP stories let us adapt game tales without breaking the continuity! That way we can plan ahead, carefully integrating game elements in full at a later date!

Finally, after you read the last page of our adaptation, download **Sonic 4: Episode Metal** where we discover how our robotic villain gets the strange upgrade he uses in Episode 2 ...

And that's our game-to-comic trivia for today! We hope you enjoy our **Sonic the Hedgehog: Episode 2** adaptation: "*Time for a Comeback,*" courtesy of **SEGA** and **Archie Comics**!

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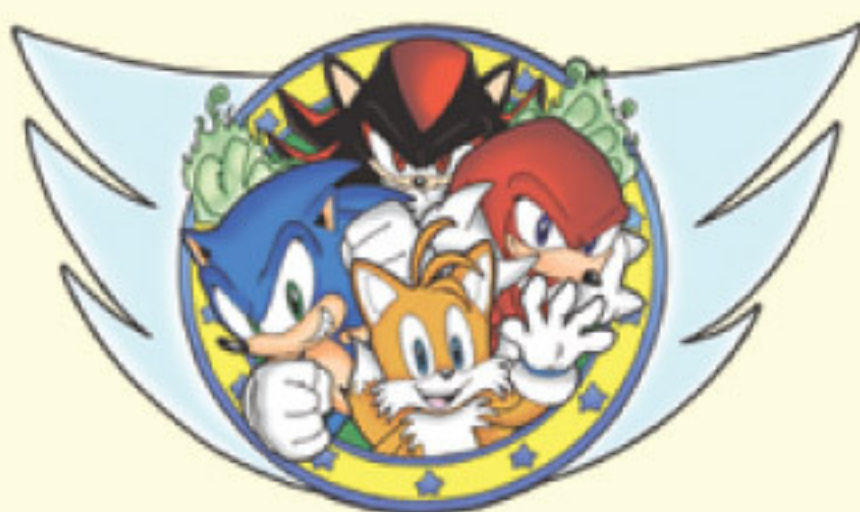
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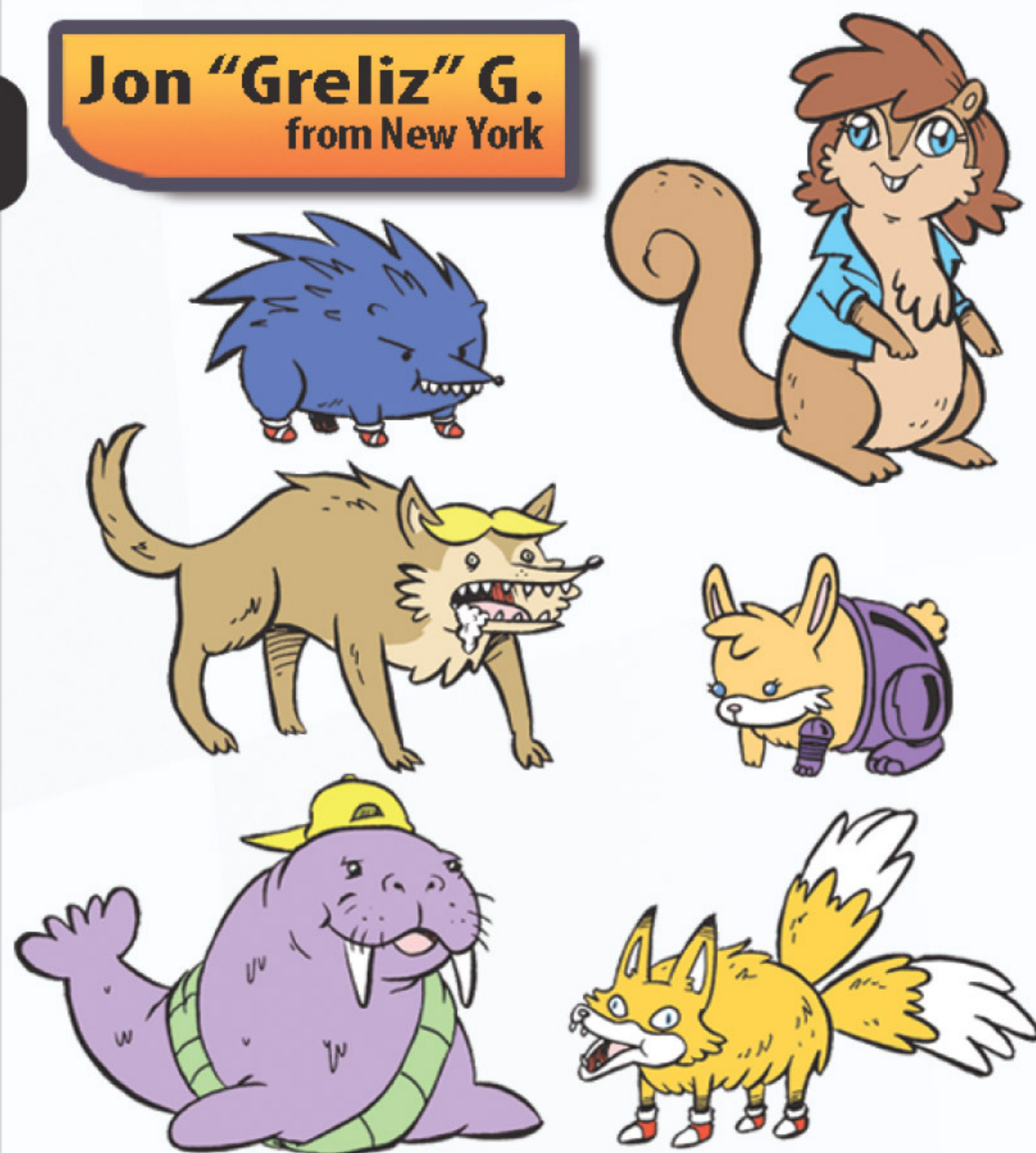
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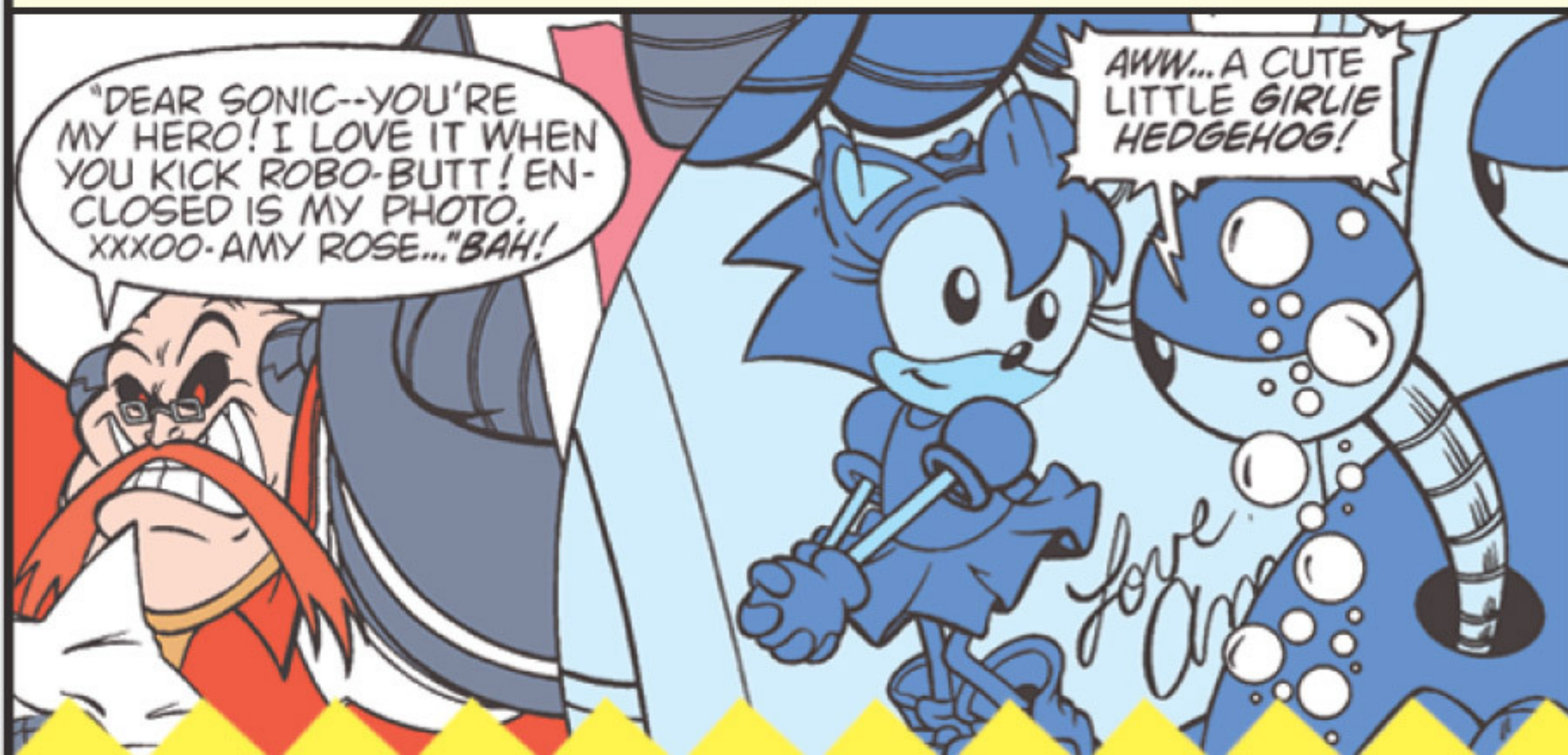
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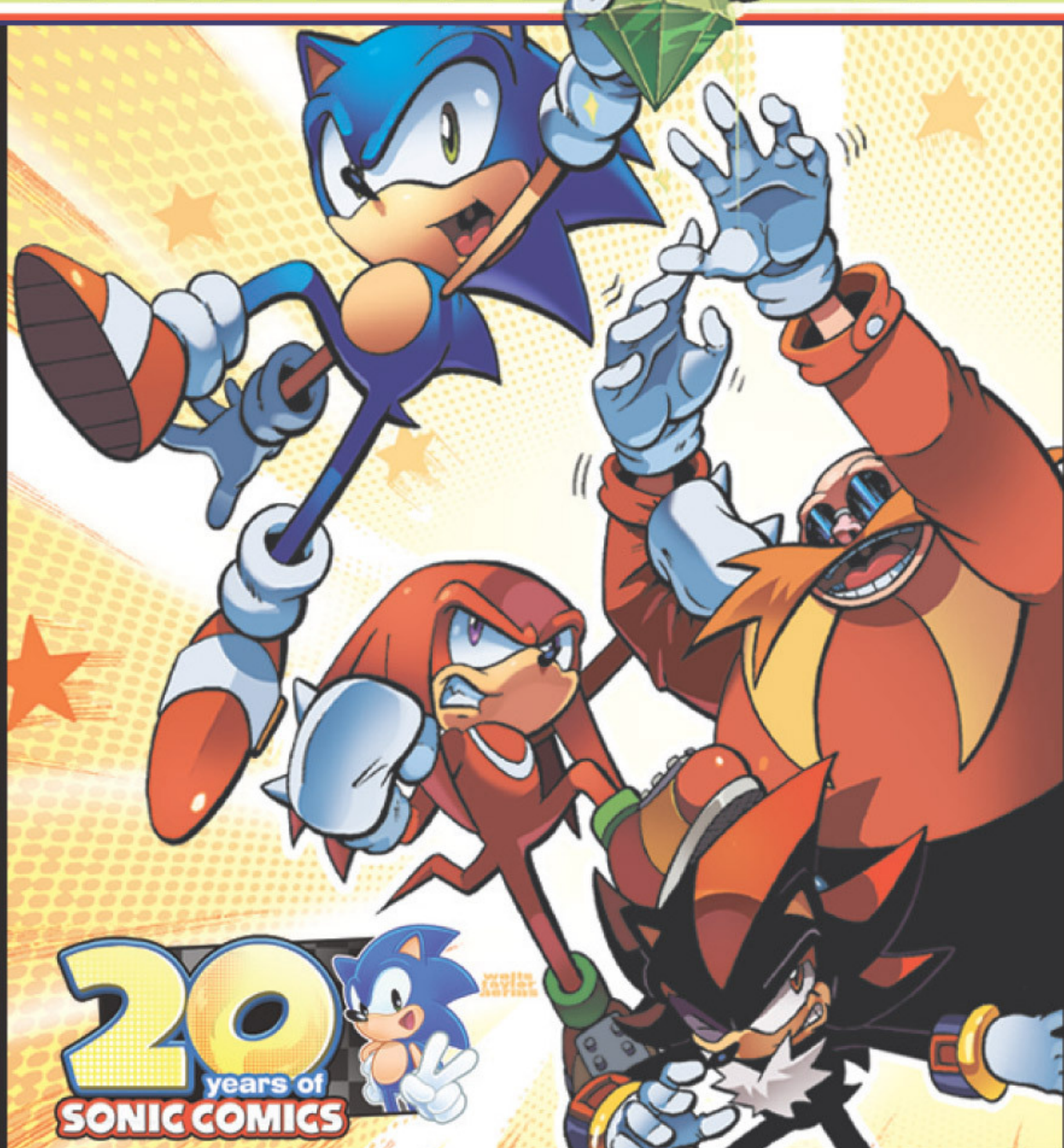
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